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IMMEDIATELY FREEMAN MEMORIAL LECTURES AND SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

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Wednesday, Nov. 23, was the first anniversary of the death of one of Missoula's most loyal and articulate citizens. Edmund Freeman died Nov. 23, 1976, participating, as he did for all of his nearly 90 years, in the intellectual and political life of the University of Montana and the community.

To celebrate Freeman's memory and commemorate his death, the Freeman Memorial Committee has announced that it has raised funds and pledges of \$20,000 for a "Freeman Memorial Fund".

The committee is composed of about 40 of Freeman's close colleagues, friends and former students. Notable members include Mike Mansfield, former U.S. Senator from Montana and Senate Majority Leader, and currently United States Ambassador to Japan. Also included is Carroll O'Connor, actor and star of an award-winning television series.

Freeman was a former professor of English, who taught on the University of Montana campus from 1919 to 1961. According to Harold Merriam, chairman of the fundraising committee, "For 15 years after retirement, he actively continued his interests in students and in the University, and in local, national and world affairs. He frequented the campus almost daily, talking with friends and reading in the library.

"Partly through his letters to the Missoulian, he was known to a host of townspeople and respected by them. He believed that solutions of problems, social, political and intellectual, would profit from earnest discussion."

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The memorial fund will finance programs to be selected annually by a special committee, chaired by Tom Payne, UM professor of political science. According to Payne, the committee will use income from the Freeman Memorial Fund to bring prominent scholars in the humanities to the UM campus and possibly to sponsor programs in the performing and fine arts. All lectures, performances and exhibits will be open to the public.

The program will be known as the "Edmund and Mary Freeman Lectureship in the Humanities," to honor both Edmund and his wife, Mary, who shared his interest in the arts and humanities.

Payne said that his committee, a subcommittee of the fund-raising committee, will work with the UM administration to implement the programs sponsored by the memorial fund.

A scholarship for students in the humanities is projected as another possible use of the fund. The scholarship would be known as the Edmund and Mary Freeman Memorial Scholarship.

Committee members are hopeful that additional donations and pledges will be received upon announcement of the program. Pledges and gifts may be directed to the University of Montana Foundation, Freeman Memorial Fund, Missoula, Mont. 59812. The UM Foundation is custodian of the Freeman fund, and is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation established for such purposes.

The first lecture or performance sponsored in Freeman's memory will take place fall quarter, 1978, at the University of Montana.

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